

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Brittney Fitzpatrick, Beverly Harrison, Debbie Kirk, Chris Bailey, Patrice Broughton, James Draper, Riva Green, George Baker III, George Baker Jr, Jim Wilson, Gloria Reese

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Lee Malcom was absent. There was a quorum.

Mayor announced the 2016 Committee Appointments and Chairmen of each Committee, and welcomed Council Member Myoshia Crawford and Council Member Norman Garrett.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. January Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

Council Member Lee Malcom arrived during the department reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Discussion – Policy for Senior Citizen & SSI Recipients

Finance Director Logan Propes explained the administrative policy to assist senior citizens and SSI recipients. The policy would be for citizens who are 62 years of age or older, and / or receive Supplemental Security Income. It would give them another option for payment assistance. Mr. Propes explained they would need to present all of the requisite identification. It would extend their due date two weeks past their normal cut-off date each month without them being charged a penalty.

Council Member Norman Garrett questioned when the policy would go into effect and out to the customers.

Mr. Propes answered that it would go into effect immediately; one customer has already started using the policy this year. Anyone interested can see one of the customer service representatives to get set up and the forms will also be on the City's website.

Council Member Larry Bradley complimented the Finance Department for putting this together. He requested for Mr. Propes to clarify the household income and the way it was determined.

Mr. Propes explained that the annual combined gross household income can not exceed \$23,540. This amount is based on 200% of the federal poverty level for one person, which is industry standard.

No Action.

2. Airport

No Items Scheduled.

3. Public Works

No Items Scheduled.

4. Utilities

No Items Scheduled.

5. Public Safety**a. Purchase – Turnout Gear**

Chief Keith Glass requested to purchase Globe G-xcel Turnout Gear which is manufactured to NFPA safety standards and Monroe Fire Department specifications. He explained the lowest quote came from Bennett Fire Products for the amount of \$1,917.00 per set. Chief Glass stated that after January 15, 2016 the prices will increase by \$95.00 per set at both companies. He explained it to be the clothing that the fire fighters wear to protect them from fire. His request is to purchase the gear using SPLOST Funds with the amount not to exceed the FY2016 CIP budgeted amount of \$45,000.00. This would provide 21 sets of new gear which would cover 100% of the current staff, and possibly a couple more sets for additional staffing at a later time.

The committee recommends to Council to purchase turnout gear from Bennett Fire Products with the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Approval – Out of State Training

Chief Keith Glass requested approval to send Fire Fighter Matt Johnston to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland February 7 – 12, 2016 for a Command and Control Decision Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents Course. All the expenses will be paid by the National Fire Academy other than his regular salary.

The committee recommends to send Fire Fighter Matt Johnston to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland to Council.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

6. Economic Development

Council Member Larry Bradley stated he feels that 2015 has been a good year from an Economic Development standpoint; and he has enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Downtown Development Authority.

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated they have been gearing up for their participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program. There is a pre-retreat orientation meeting scheduled for January 29th. The program leaders from UGA will be coming to Monroe to meet with the housing team and help prepare for the retreat. The City Event Calendar for 2016 is being finalized and will be available soon. The downtown businesses have given good reports from the holiday season from a retail perspective. The ice skating rink will be in Monroe from January 22nd until January 31st at the Monroe Visitors Center parking lot.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Upcoming Public Hearings
 - a. Rezone / Annexation – 389 Gene Bell Road & 0 Gene Bell Road
 - b. Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendments
2. Resolution – Open Records Officer
3. Appointments (3) – Downtown Development Authority
4. Approval – Main Street Program MOU
5. 1st Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendments
6. Request – Monroe Walton Properties Conditional Development Agreement
7. Discussion – Civil Air Patrol Lease Agreement
8. Discussion – Development Agreements

There was a general discussion on the above item. There was no action taken.

V. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

1. Election of Vice Mayor
To elect Wayne Adcock as Vice-Mayor.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Appointment – Council Representative to Downtown Development Authority
To appoint Lee Malcom as Council Representative to DDA.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

3. Appoint – City Clerk
To appoint Debbie Kirk as City Clerk.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

VI. ADJOURN

*Motion by Richardson, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK